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SUBJECT: CIEC: CANADIAN GUIDANCE CABLE ON MARCH 7
MEETING BETWEEN MACEACHEN AND PEREZ-GUERRERO

1. CANADIANS HAVE PROVIDED US WITH TEXT OF GUIDANCE
CABLE ON PEREZ-GUERRERO/MACEACHEN MEETING OF MARCH 7.
FOLLOWING POINTS SEEM OF PARTICULAR INTEREST: (A)
PEREZ-GUERRERO HOPE THAT UNDERSECRETARY COOPER WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS AT TIME OF APRIL
CO-CHAIRMEN MEETING RELAUNCHING CIEC; AND (B) EXPLICIT
UNDERSTANDING THAT COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES NEED NOT
MEET AGAIN BUT CONTACT GROUPS WOULD BE FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
COMMISSION COCHAIRMEN ALONG THE LINES OF THE CONTACT
GROUPS DURING THE FALL. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT
CANADIAN CABLESE FOR MACEACHEN IS LGH WHICH STANDS
FOR LEADER OF GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSE.

2. TEXT OF CANADIAN CABLE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:
MTG WHICH RESULTED IN JOINT PG/LGH MESSAGE IN REFTEL
WAS MOST CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY. PG WAS PARTICULARLY
GRATEFUL THAT LGH HAD TAKEN TIME TO COME TO
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VENEZUELA. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY
ON ISSUES COVERED IN JOINT MESSAGE. PG WAS VERY
REASONABLE, HIS MAIN CONCERN BEING CONSTRUCTIVE RE-
LAUNCHING OF CIEC IN A FRAMEWORK WHICH WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE TO 19 AS A WHOLE. HE CONSIDERED AGREEMENT
REACHED WAS WITHIN MANDATE WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED
FROM G19 AS DEFINED IN THEIR FEB COMMUNIQUE.

2. DISCUSSIONS ON DATES WERE NOT/NOT DIFFICULT WITH MAIN QUESTION BEING LENGTH OF MINISTERIAL MTG (2 OR 3 DAYS). IN PGS DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD LATTER HAD SAID MINISTERIAL MTG HAD TO BE LONG ENOUGH (LONGER THAN 2 DAYS). IN PRINCIPLE 3 DAY MINISTERIAL HAD BEEN ENVISAGED FOR DEC 1976 (THIS WAS NOTED IN REPORT TO UNGA) AND THIS 3 DAY MINISTERIAL WAS AGREED ON. LENGTH OF TIME AVAILABLE TO CONTACT GROUPS WAS NOT/NOT A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE. APR 29-MAY 14 GIVES GROUPS ADEQUATE TIME AND SOME FLEXIBILITY IN WHICH TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK.

3. QUESTION OF WHETHER CIEC WOULD BE REOPENED BY SOM OR CO-CHAIRMEN MTG WAS MOST DIFFICULT ONE. LGH ARGUED STRONGLY AGAINST SOM SAYING IT WOULD BE UNCONTROLLABLE AND WOULD NOT/NOT MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO FINAL PHASE OF CONFERENCE. HE WANTED TO AVOID PAINFUL EXERCISE OF DRAFTING COMMUNIQUE FROM APR MTG. MTG SHOULD BE AIMED AT ORGANIZING WORK FOR FINAL PHASE (CONTACT GROUPS ETC) AND CO-CHAIRMEN WERE BEST SUITED FOR THIS TASK. CDN SIDE MADE POINT THAT CONTACT GROUPS AT THIS LATE STAGE WOULD BE ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXTS AND THUS IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO BE GIVEN GUIDANCE BY SOM. CO-CHAIRMEN WERE BEST

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SUITED TO PRESIDE OVER CONTACT GROUPS AND SUCH GROUPS WOULD BE FORMED UNDER THEIR AUSPICES (ALONG LINES OF GROUPS IN FALL). IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES NEED NOT/NOT MEET.

4. PG SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME EVIDENCE OF QUOTE NEW CARTER SPIRIT UNQUOTE. HE REMARKED THAT COOPER HAD NOT/NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO SEE G19 AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AT CO-CHAIRMENS MTG IN APR COOPER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INFORMAL MTGS. PG SHOWED EVIDENCE THAT HE WANTED OPPORTUNITY FOR G19 TO MAKE SOME IMPACT BEFORE SUMMIT AND THAT G19 THOUGHT SOM WOULD BE BEST MEANS OF DOING THIS. LGH CAUTIONED AGAINST G19 COUNTING TOO HEAVILY ON SUMMIT FOR SPECIFIC RESULTS. HE SAID THAT TEST OF CIEC WOULD COME ONLY AT MINISTERIAL MTG ITSELF AND NOT/NOT AT SUMMIT.

5. PG WENT ALONG WITH ARGUMENTS FOR CO-CHAIRMENS MTG AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON FORMULA WHICH ALLOWED FOR INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS TO BE IN PARIS. LGH STRESSED THAT CONTACT GROUPS SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT/NOT BE GIVEN KIND OF GUIDANCE BY CO-CHAIRMENS MTG WHICH WOULD PREJUDGE WHAT BY THAT STAGE WILL HAVE BECOME NEGOTIATIONS. PG SAID HE HOPED CO-CHAIRMENS MTG WOULD NOTE QUOTE NEW SPIRIT UNQUOTE AT CIEC AND QUOTE GIVE MOMENTUM UNQUOTE TO WORK OF CONTACT GROUPS. PG BELIEVES HE CAN SELL TIMETABLE PACKAGE TO G19 AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US IN COMING DAYS ON RESULTS OF CANVASS.

6. THIS FURTHER REPORT WILL GIVE YOU SOME OF FLAVOUR OF LGH/PG MTG AND YOU MAY USE IT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH G8 CONTACTS. IT SHOULD ANSWER SOME OF QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED IN G8 CAPITALS. END TEXT.
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